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CITY NOTES

MONTHLY MEETING.—The monthly meeting of the Home for the Friendless will be held Friday morning in the Young Women's Christian association at 9:30.

CHARTER FOR COAL COMPANY.—A charter was granted at Haverburg Tuesday for the People's Coal company of this city. The capital stock of the company is \$50,000.

NEW TRIALS REFUSED.—Judge Gunter refused new trials yesterday in the case of Henry P. Shiffer against George J. Jones and others, and Thomas Mason against Michael Flynn.

SERVICES HELD LAST NIGHT.—Preparatory services were held last night at the Trinity Lutheran church on Adams avenue to the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper Sunday next.

BIBLE READING.—Professor H. S. Miller will talk on the seventh chapter of Romans this evening at 5:30 Jefferson avenue. These Bible readings are not private, but are for all who wish to study the word.

NO ONE DISLIKES SETTLING.—Court granted a writ yesterday to show cause why the judgment entered should not be stricken off in the case of the commonwealth against James F. Noone. The matter is returnable to argument court.

LICENSES TO WED.—Marriage licenses were granted by Clerk of the Courts James H. O'Leary to Patrick Quinn, of Cherry Ridge, Wayne county, and Mary J. Donovan, of Scranton; Richard O'Connell and Rachel Hughes, of Scranton.

FUNERAL OF T. J. MOORE.—The funeral of the late T. J. Moore will be held this morning from his residence on Adams avenue. A requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's cathedral and interment will be made in Dunmore cemetery.

GERMAN-AMERICAN PLAY.—"The Grocer from the South Side, or Laughing Scranton," a German-American play, will be produced at Music hall Thursday evening, January 12, by the German Stock company. A dance will follow the performance.

SPEAKER FOR TONIGHT.—This evening at 8:45 Rev. H. A. Welker, First Reformed church, Pittston, Pa., will preach in the Catholic Reformed church, corner Monroe avenue and Glasgow street. Communion will be held after the services. Preparatory services Friday at 7:45 p. m.

FUNERAL OF MRS. VAN GORDER.—The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia Van Gorder was held at the house last evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Lyman preached the funeral sermon. The remains will be shipped this morning at 7:05 over the Erie and Wyoming Valley railroad to Dingman's Ferry.

REQUEST OF \$100.—A check for \$100, the amount left in deposit by the late Mrs. S. B. Price for the Society for the Prevention of Blindness, was presented by Mr. Price yesterday to D. B. Atkinson, the secretary-treasurer of the society. Its arrival is an opportunity for the finances of the society are at a very low ebb.

FALSE PRETENSE.—Louis Paterson was yesterday committed to jail by Alderman Millar as a result of a complaint of a Spruce street bird store man, who says he rented Paterson's store on Lackawanna avenue and paid \$100 on account, but that Paterson locked the store, pocketed the money and surrendered the lease to the owner of the building.

MEETING OF BANKERS.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the County Savings Bank and Trust company was held Monday. Everett Warren, W. F. Hollister, August Robinson, E. C. Kingsbury, John E. Kelly, M. E. Johnson and L. A. Waters were elected directors for the ensuing year. The surplus was added to and a dividend of 5 per cent. on capital stock was declared. The reports of the officers were satisfactory. They stated that there was a wonderful increase in the business of the bank since the new building on Spruce street has been occupied.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The Crescent Social club held their regular meeting last evening and elected the following officers: President, Joseph Miller; vice president, A. Miller; recording secretary, P. Bradley; financial secretary, M. E. Kellner; treasurer, M. J. Rafferty; trustees, R. Powell, J. Connors, T. Milligan; sergeant-at-arms, C. Curry. A smoker and social session was held after the meeting. Following was the program: Solo, Thomas Milligan; piano solo, William Rogan; song and dance, John McCall; recitation, Joseph Miller; benefit solo, T. J. Langani; select reading, Philip Bradley; duet, T. Culkin and J. Connors. A black face farce by Thomas Connors and Sam Holtham entitled "I Don't Care if You Never Comes Back," was the feature of the evening.

WOMEN'S SHOES AT LESS THAN HALF PRICES

In most cases, former \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 shoes are now being sold at 50c, 75c and \$1.00. We have put short lines of our \$3, \$4 and \$5 that have broken sizes because of heavy selling this season. Recent shapes among them but not newest styles. Qualities are standard—don't know them. Some bicycle shoes among these also.

Any woman who consults her own ideas as to footwear and does not "mooze" when Dame Fashion takes snuff will be wise to buy three or four pairs, \$3, \$4 and \$5 values at

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PREPARING FOR THE CONVENTION

FIREMEN HAVE STARTED THE BALL ROLLING. Ways and Means Committee Presented a Report at Last Night's Meeting, Which Was Held in the Noy-Aug Engine House—Recommendations That Were Contained in It—Companies That Were Represented—Another Meeting Is to Be Held Sunday at Same Place.

The first real good start toward arranging for the state firemen's convention to be held in this city this year, was made at a meeting of the preliminary committee last night at Noy-Aug Engine house. As much of the proceedings hinged upon the report of the ways and means committee, appointed at a previous meeting, the report is printed in full as follows:

Your special committee on ways and means beg leave to submit the following as our idea regarding the proper method to follow for the success of your coming firemen's convention:

First—The selection of a trustworthy person as your official head.

Second—A hearty entourage a fire department fair as the best means to raise the necessary funds.

Third—A committee of active workers to act in conjunction with the official head.

Fourth—Establish a permanent headquarters for the official head with telephone attached.

Fifth—We also recommend that the armory be secured for at least a period of three or four weeks.

Sixth—Also that all railroads entering the city be requested to issue excursion tickets from all points during fair, and committee asks for liberal rates.

Seventh—In favor of the co-operation of all the fraternal organizations in the county for the success of the fair, and that invitations be extended accordingly.

Eighth—Also as your department is a part of our municipal government, you should ask the co-operation of the heads of departments, councils, and police, and citizens of the Electric City.

Ninth—We further call your attention to this important feature, that it is necessary for every person calling himself a member of your department to put his shoulder to the wheel and with unflinching energy to bring about the annual convention, the greatest and most brilliant ever held in the history of our association.

Tenth—We also ask you to extend to the several corporations of your city a request for their support in this year's effort to make known the name of the Electric City.

Eleventh—A financially trustworthy person should be chosen as treasurer for the handling of all monies pertaining to a proper fund, and begin on a firm basis.

Your committee in compiling the above report is imbued with the warmest motives for the success of your undertaking and sincerely trust that you will be guided accordingly, as unity means success.

Very truly yours, John W. Moir, O. A. Beemer, H. J. Spruik, A. J. Lewis.

A consideration of the report followed, Chief Hickey presiding as temporary chairman and F. W. Zizelman acting as temporary secretary. The report was referred back to the committee for presentation, with any additions which may be deemed necessary. A meeting to be held next Sunday afternoon at the same place, at 2 o'clock, when it is expected that a larger representation of firemen will be present.

COMPANIES REPRESENTED. The only companies represented last night were the Crystal, Noy-Aug, Hook and Ladder, Century, William Connell, Franklin and Columbia, etc.

INSURE A LARGE ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY, the secretary was directed to write each company requesting the election of two delegates to be members of the permanent organization and to have power to act.

Thomas Donlin, of William Connell company; F. W. Zizelman, of Noy-Aug company; J. W. Moir, of Noy-Aug company, and A. L. Lewis, of Columbia company, were appointed a committee to visit councils tonight and ask for the use of the police headquarters room by the permanent officers of the convention committee; also to interview Alderman W. S. Millar, Colonel Keck and other gentlemen who have been suggested for the office of salaried manager of the committee.

The fair project was very favorably considered. This and the other details of the report of the ways and means committee were unofficially endorsed, but it was agreed not to take final action on the report until Sunday afternoon, when the convention movement will take a definite and permanent shape.

TWO MENS FEET FROZEN. One was a Tramp and the Other a Hungarian.

Two men, one with both feet frozen and one with one foot frozen, were received yesterday at the Lackawanna hospital.

The most serious case of the two is that of John Kennedy, a tramp who gives Buffalo as his residence and who came into Scranton on the bumper of a freight car. He began working his way south along the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road last week.

During the snow storms of Saturday and Sunday he rested in towns along the road but on Monday he stowed himself in a freight car and continued his journey.

When Kennedy reached this city late Tuesday night, his feet which had been frozen during Monday, was in bad shape. He applied for admission at the hospital yesterday.

John Donniss, a Hungarian, had both feet frozen on Monday while in search of work near Taylor. Though he suffered great pain he continued to walk about until yesterday when some one told him his real condition. It is believed he will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

BOTH COUNCILS TONIGHT. Bond Measure Is Up for Consideration on Third Reading.

Each branch of the councils will meet tonight, the select branch in regular and the common council in a session specially called to consider the bond ordinance on third reading.

It is not probable that the bond measure will have clear sailing. The disposition to "follow your leader" and load the ordinance down with amendments has given it a black eye and, in addition, it is now opposed by several members whose wisdom is usually headed and who object to the passage

of a measure which provides for an expenditure one item of over \$200,000, covering as long a period as fifteen years. This is the item for the city's share toward sewer construction.

SCHOOL DESK CONTRACT. Committee Will Prepare Its Report Tomorrow Evening.

The building committee of the board of control met last night and considered the proposals to furnish 500 desks and 72 rear seats for the new No. 3 school building. At the last meeting of the board three proposals were opened and referred to the committee, as follows:

Thomas Kane & Co., Reading, Wis., through its Harrisburg agency—Nos. 1, 2 and 3, \$2.50; No. 4, 4 and 4, \$2.25; Nos. 5 and 6, \$2.15; rear and front seats, \$1.50.

Hill & Conant, for the Grant Rapids School Furniture Co.—Nos. 1 and 2, \$2.25; Nos. 3 and 4, \$2.25; Nos. 5 and 6, \$2.25; rear and front seats, \$1.50.

School Furnishing Co.—Nos. 1 and 2, \$2.25; Nos. 3 and 4, \$2.25; Nos. 5 and 6, \$2.25; rear and front seats, \$1.50.

Representatives of each of the bidders were present and heard. They submitted samples of their desks and were allowed to address the committee. The committee prepared no report.

It was decided to recommend to the board that an iron fence be erected along the front and one side of the No. 11 school lot, 275 feet in all, and to visit No. 29 school building tomorrow afternoon and consider Mr. Caser's request for a recommendation that an iron fence be built about that property.

The committee adjourned to meet tomorrow evening.

OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN. Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Penn Avenue Baptist Church Held Last Night.

Reports of Officers. The annual meeting of the congregation of the Penn Avenue Baptist church, adjourned from Tuesday night, when the 1888 minutes were approved, was held last night. Rev. Robert P. Y. Pierce, the pastor and moderator, presided. The meeting followed the regular Wednesday night prayer service.

Reports of the treasurer, trustees, Sunday school superintendent, the church and Sunday school missionaries and the many allied church societies and organizations were received. Each was enthusiastically received.

From the treasurer's report it was shown that about \$10,000 was spent for all purposes last year. Officers were elected as follows:

Trustees—F. M. Koehler, E. S. Williams, A. D. Stelle and H. M. Streeter, for three years; F. M. Hallett and S. N. Callender, to fill the unexpired terms of two members who had resigned.

Financial Secretary—J. L. Stelle. Church Treasurer—L. R. Stelle. Clerk—H. J. Hall.

Treasurer of Benevolent Fund—L. M. Giles. Members of Advisory Committee—M. W. Lowry, E. C. Browning, E. K. Croft, A. L. Collins and H. E. Paine.

Few Committee—E. S. Williams and H. A. Browning. Chorister of Social Gatherings—H. A. Browning.

Plaintiff—Carl Browning. Assistant Plaintiff—Gertrude Long.

Next Tuesday night was the time fixed for the annual pew renting.

REMODELLING BUILDING. J. W. Guernsey Is Making Some Extensive Changes.

The double front, three-story stone building at 516 and 518 Washington avenue, owned by J. W. Guernsey, is undergoing a complete change in the interior, and particularly the two upper floors of No. 516. It is the intention to remodel the second floor and when finished it will be a handsome auditorium specially adapted for entertainments and musicals.

The third floor may be arranged for offices. An entrance to the floor is being made. Heretofore the approach was at No. 518.

DIED IN PORTO RICO. Patrick Loftus Was a Member of the Fifteenth Regiment of Regulars.

The family of Patrick Loftus, of Emmet street, have been informed of his death at Porto Rico, which occurred about ten days ago. The deceased left Scranton with the last squad of recruits enlisted in the Fifteenth Infantry of regulars.

He was well known in this city. He at one time played with the Hamilton, Ontario, base ball club.

Attend Davidow Bros. Great Auction Sale.

All the diamonds, watches, jewelry, musical instruments, silverware, etc. These goods have expired and we place them at auction sale. The sale will start Jan. 5. Everybody wants to attend, as there will surely be great bargains to be obtained.

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Remarkable attendance yesterday—and a bigger crowd to come today.

Proper storekeeping is what does it.

Bottom Prices on Domestic Year week is providing some unusual values in Domestic. Some of them are given here. The store is full of others just as good.

Fine Quality Outing Flannel, extra heavy and nicely colored; stripes, checks and plaids. Special today, yard..... 4c

One case of Good Quality White Outing Flannel. Special today, yard..... 3c

Striped Bed Ticking in plain and fancy patterns. Special today, yard..... 6c

Fleece Back Wrapper Cloth in a big variety of new patterns. Special today, yard..... 5c

One hundred pairs of extra heavy Gray Blankets, nicely made. Special today, pair..... 45c

A Bargain in About Women's Underwear 200 garmments in this lot—of natural wool, fine quality and excellent finish. The price while the lot lasts is to be 33 Cents Each.

Up to today we were getting 49c for them. They'll go quick at their new price.

Two Bargains in Notions King's yard 500 cotton, 2c Special today, spool.....

Best grade of Hump Hooks and Eyes. Special today, 2 doz 2c

Small Clasp Purse Only fifty of them all told—the left-overs from Christmas. Good size and well made with strong clasp and thumb piece. Yesterday they were 15c. Today..... 10c

Today..... 10c

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TAX ON POLES AND WIRES

Step Taken by Borough Council of Taylor Is Causing All Kinds of Trouble for Companies That Use Poles and Wires.

"Large oaks from little acorns grow." The telegraph and telephone companies know this and they are wary.

Back in 1882 the borough of Taylor passed a law taxing the poles and wires of telegraph, telephone and trolley companies, claiming they had a right to do so under the general borough act of 1851. There is no specific direction in that act as to the rate of the tax, but the Taylor councilmen believed they had that right in the police power given them over the streets of the borough by the act in question.

The companies did not pay and suit was brought against the Postal Telegraph company to recover their tax for 1894 which amounted to \$81. The matter was referred to Attorney I. H. Burns, as referee, who decided in favor of the borough. Judge Archibald afterwards sustained the report of the referee and the Postal company paid.

Yesterday John M. Harris, solicitor for the borough, brought suit against the Postal company to recover the tax for 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. Whether or not the Postal company will fight the case remains to be seen.

Taylor was one of the first boroughs in Pennsylvania to put a tax on poles and wires and the companies it affects are evidently not anxious to get a decision from the higher courts on the matter.

A suit of the borough of Taylor against the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company is now pending before the Superior court. The case was heard last week by Judge McPherson, of Dauphin county, who decided that the borough has the right to impose the tax. An appeal was taken to the Superior court, and it is set down for argument at the coming term. It is probable, however, that the case will not be brought to the attention of the court.

Boroughs all over the state are watching the progress of the borough of Taylor's fight and as soon as there is a decision of the upper courts sustaining the legality of the tax, ordinances will be passed imposing this tax in scores of other boroughs.

CLEANER SIDEWALKS. Street Commissioner's Threat Was Not Without Good Results.

According to a statement made by Street Commissioner O'Boyle, the interview with him and published in yesterday's Tribune had much to do with having the snow and ice removed during the morning from the sidewalks in the business section of the city.

No sooner was the published interview with the street commissioner read and his threats to cause arrests noted than an army of shovellers appeared on every street and avenue. By 10 o'clock, the hour fixed for the arrests, all the walks were either cleared or

MR. TERPPE'S SUCCESSOR

His Name Must Be Substituted for That of the Ex-Director in the Quo Warranto Proceedings.

The successor of ex-Poor Director P. L. Terppe must be appointed and his name substituted for that of Mr. Terppe in the quo warranto proceedings brought by John J. Murphy, who claims the right to represent the old South ward of this city in the Scranton poor board, before court can pass upon the merits of the case. The following opinion with reference to the matter was handed down yesterday by Judge Gunster:

It was suggested at the argument of the rule that the respondent had resigned, and we were urged by his counsel to make the rule absolute on that ground, and to dismiss the proceedings. We do not see our way clear to doing so. The fact of resignation is not yet a part of the record, but when it is made so it will no doubt end the case so far as the present respondent is concerned, except as to the question of costs, but it will not settle the paramount question of whether the people of this poor district shall elect their poor directors or whether their directors shall be appointed, and if appointed, by whom they are to be appointed, and for what length of time.

The act of 1880, P. L. 223, makes ample provision for the substitution of a proper defendant as soon as this respondent's successor is appointed, but until that is done any opinion expressed by us on the merits of this controversy would be premature. The rule is discharged.

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New Buckwheat Flour, sack 60c

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Rolls Oats, 9 lbs for..... 25c

Crown Flakes, per pkg..... 25c

Laundry Starch, 7 lbs for.... 25c

Calumet Soap, 12 big cakes, 25c

Solid Packed Tomatoes, doz cans 90c

Fancy Sugar Corn, doz cans 90c

Jonas Long's Finest Blend Coffee..... 32c

New Orleans Mollasses, gal. 40c

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There's economy in buying now for your spring needs. Ridiculous prices, to be sure.

Felt Hats that were 98c and 75c, go at..... 15c

French Felt Hats that were \$2.25 and \$1.75, go at..... 39c

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